

B2 1 7. (Twice amend d) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, wherein said  
2 coating includes at least one of lipid, lipophilic and hydrophilic functional substances.

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B3 1 10. (Twice amended) A process for the preparation of a cosmetic powder  
2 comprising the steps of:  
3 preparation of a powder phase, wherein said powder comprises at least one of the  
4 group consisting of excipients, pigments, and spherical and non-spherical silica;  
5 preparation of an alpha hydroxy acids polymer or co-polymer phase;  
6 mixture of said powder phase and of said alpha hydroxy acids polymer or  
7 co-polymer phase with a solvent in slurry or spray; and  
8 evaporation of the solvent, to form an alpha hydroxy acids polymer or co-polymer  
9 coating on said powder, whereby said coating can interact with the skin of a wearer when  
10 said cosmetic powder is applied to the skin.

B4 1 12. (Twice amended) The process according to claim 10, further comprising the  
2 step of mixing said alpha hydroxy acids polymer or co-polymer phase with at least one of  
3 lipid, lipophilic and hydrophilic functional substances.